areas it must be made compulsory. The same arguments for making vaccination compulsory will hold good in this case also.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I have never found any country where this is made compulsory. Let us at least give all facilities for those who voluntarily come forward. We are not doing it now. For those who come voluntarily at least let there be facilities for getting themselves inoculated. That is the first step. Later on we will consider the other.

* മിസ്റ്റർ പോപ്പട്ടലാൽ ഗോവൽസലാലൻ: മിസ്റ്റർ പ്രസിഡെണ്ട്, സർ, ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗ്രാമോദ്ധാരണ മന്ത്രി ഞവർകൾ ഒരു ഡോക്ടരന്റെ നിലയിൽ ടെഹായിധിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ച് അദ്ദേഹത്തിനു പരിചയമുള്ള സംഗതികൾ ഇവ സഭയിൽ പറഞ്ഞു മനസ്സിലാക്കിയതിൽ അദ്ദേഹത്തോട് ഞങ്ങൾ വളരെ നന്ദി പറഞ്ഞുകൊള്ളുന്നു. അതോട കൂടി മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റികളിലും, മറ്റുള്ള ഗ്രാമങ്ങളിലും ഇതിനു വേണ്ടവിധത്തിൽ ഏർപ്പാട് ചെയ്യുന്നതാണെന്ന് അദ്ദേഹം പറഞ്ഞതു കൊണ്ട് ഞാൻ ഈ കട്ട് മോഷൻ പിൻവലിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

The motion was, by leave, withdrawn.

Cut Motion No. 9.

To remove the trenching ground at Kalur

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura): To reduce the allotment of Rs. 95,626 for Rural Sanitation by Re. 1. (To urge upon the Government the immediate necessity of removing the trenching ground for waste matter at Kalur from its present site).*

The object of my cut motion is very similar to the one that was moved by my friend Mr. Peter, and on which there was a very elaborate discussion here. I do not therefore wish to speak at length on the several processes by which night soil can profitably be disposed of. Several methods have been pointed out on the floor of this House. I only wish to point out to the Government one fact which is peculiar to the nightsoil depot at Kalur. We have been thinking that this is a subject on which the Government had come to a final decision already. As is common in the case of similar questions, with regard to this matter also the Government have given us assuring replies several times in the past to the effect that this depot at Kalur will be shifted from its present site at a very early date. In fact we were under the impression that the Government have come to a decision on this question. But when I asked a question during the last session of this Council the Government replied that the matter was still under their consideration and that no decision had been arrived at. I wish to hear from the Government as to how the matter stands now, whether they have any proposal to shift that site in the immediate future apart from the mere giving of solemn and pious assurances. I do not think there is any

* Speech not corrected by the hon'ble member.

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necessity to convince the Government with regard to the necessity for the shifting of the depot, because from the discussions we had already in this Council and the replies the Government have given us I think they are fully convinced about the necessity of shifting it from its present site, to a place where people do not live in such large numbers. I would therefore only request the Government to shift this depot at a very early date so that the people there may continue to live in more healthy surroundings.

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It is a fact that this has been considered by the Government in consultation with the Ernakulam Municipality and final orders will be issued in due course. The only difficulty is to get a site at a moderate cost.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* Is it a fact that the site was once put up for sale ?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* The evil is that the price that we will fetch for it is not adequate enough to buy another site.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* How is it that they could put up the site for sale, if they had not fixed upon a fresh site ?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* We are only negotiating. There was a committee formed in the Municipality itself for considering this question. They also said that this may wait till the drainage scheme is drawn up. At the same time they are considering a suitable place to which this may be shifted.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* Can I take it that the site will be shifted this year itself ?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* As eraly as possible. Government are very earnest about it. There are only ten days more this year.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* May I take it that the site will be shifted next year. This matter was before the Government for a very long time past.

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I think it may be possible.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menen *(Cranganur):* On a point of information Sir, may I know whether the rearing of pigs there will not remove this nuisance? *(Laughter).*

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* Pigs will multiply the *sadhanam.*

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Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* In view of the reply given by the Government I hope that they will shift it at an early date. I therefore do not press the motion.

The motion was, by leave, withdrawn.

Cut Motion No. 10.

To stop the levy of license fees of 1 rupee or less on Cottage Industries

Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram): To reduce the allotment of Rs. 32,203 for Sanitation and Conservancy by Re. 1.* (ഒരു ഉറുപ്പികയും അതിൽ താഴെയും സംഖ്യ ലൈസൻസുഫീ ചുമത്തിവരുന്നകൂടിൽ വ്യവസായങ്ങളുടെ ലൈസൻസ്സ് സമ്പ്രദായം നിറുത്തൽ ചെയ്യേണ്ട അത്യാവശ്യകത ഗവൺമെണ്ടിന്റെ സത്വര ശ്രദ്ധയിൽ പെടുത്തുവാൻ).

സർ, ഇതു് കുറച്ചു ഗൌരവമായ ഒരു സംഗതിയാണു്. അനവധി സാധുക്കളുടെ ഉപജീവനമാർഗ്ഗത്തിനു് അത്യന്താപേക്ഷിതമായ ഒരു സംഗതിയായതുകൊണ്ടും ഈ വിഷയത്തിൽ ഒരു പ്രമേയം അവതരിപ്പിക്കുവാൻ വിചാരിക്കുന്നതുകൊണ്ടും ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപം അവതരിപ്പിക്കുവാൻ ഞാൻ വിചാരിക്കുന്നില്ല.

Cut Motion No. 11.

To give up the system of Licensing fees

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur): To reduce the allotment of Rs. 95,626 for Public Health by Re. 1. (To impress on the Government the need to give up the system of licensing fees).*

Sir, my idea in moving this cut motion is to draw the attention of the Government to the extreme hardship felt by the people of the rural areas in carrying on such essential occupations as the converting of cocoanut husks into coir. In the rural areas the people resort to various occupations which do not really assume the dimensions of large trade. It is really essential for them because of the fact that it gives them one of the means to add something to their very meagre means of livelihood. After the inauguration of the Public Health Department in the State it has been a consistent policy of the department to tax these people so that they can show that there is some receipt from the Department. The figures in the Budget are fairly illuminating on this point. The receipt under license fees is Rs. 12,000. Now Sir, my submission to the House is this: cannot this department which exists for improving the conditions of the people manage without this item especially in view of the fact that a large portion of it is really collected from persons who cannot afford to pay? This is a matter which is really serious from the stand point of the welfare of the rural population. My submission is that this matter ought to be very seriously considered and the Government must be forced to come to the conclusion that such license fees should not be levied from the poor people, who carry on small occupations in rural areas. I therefore commend this motion for the acceptance of the House.

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